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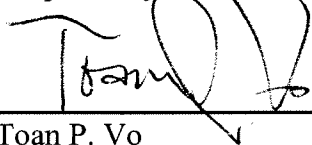
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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully point out the distinction between the claims of European Patent EP 1687037B1 and the present claims on appeal of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/725,159. The claims of EP 1687037B1 are directed to a composition comprising one or more saccharides in combination with one or more cationic polysaccharides in solution in an amount effective for solution preservation. In contradistinction, the present claims on appeal are directed to a method of imparting a preservative efficacy to a contact lens solution comprising providing in said contact lens solution one or more saccharides selected from the group consisting of glucose and α -methyl gluco-pyranoside in combination with one or more polyquaternium-10 cationic polysaccharides wherein the saccharides and cationic polysaccharides are in amounts effective for solution preparation.

Respectfully submitted,



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